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SUBJECT:ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: HEW RYAN TESTIFIED ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE. THE HARKIN AMENDMENT CONTINUES TO TROUBLE US. AN OAS OBSERVER FORCE WAS AUTHORIZED AND ARRIVED IN PLACE ON THE SALVADORAN-HONDURAN BORDER. I DELIVERED A SPEECH TO THE GRADUATING CLASS AT AIFLD AND LEARNED OF AFL-CIO CONCERN ABOUT THE CARIBBEAN.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS:

A. RYAN'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.

CONGRESSMEN FRASER AND KOCH PUSHED HEW HARD ON WHETHER OR NOT PREVIOUS TESTIMONY AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US DID NOT DEMONSTRATE THAT URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY PRACTICE "A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS".

HEW NOTED THAT VIOLATIONS HAVE INDEED OCCURRED BUT AVOIDED  
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ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF THE REGIMES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES

AT ISSUE. HE EMPHASIZED OUR POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN THE HEMISPHERE. THE QUESTIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE HOSTILE,

AND THE MEMBERS RECORDED THEIR CONTINUING DISTRUST OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENTS AND TESTIMONY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE WILL BE FURTHER HEARINGS ON AUGUST 10 WITH BILL MAILLIARD AND BOB WHITE APPEARING TO TESTIFY ON THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ITS WORK.

#### B. HARKIN AMENDMENT

WE HAVE NOW WORKED OUT PROCEDURES WITH TREASURY THAT WILL ALLOW US TO CONSIDER APPLICABILITY OF THE AMENDMENT IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. GIVEN THE EMPHASIS ON FLEXIBILITY IN LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, MOST LOANS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE AS "BENEFITTING THE NEEDY" WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION OF A "CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS." BUT SOME WILL SIMPLY NOT QUALIFY. WE ARE FACED WITH ONE NOW - A LOAN TO ARGENTINA FOR EXPORTER CREDITS. WE HAVE NOT MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE GOA PRACTICES A "CONSISTENT PATTERN". BUT THE LAWYERS SAY WE MUST GO FURTHER AND DETERMINE THAT IT DOES NOT. A REAL DILEMMA.

#### 3. OAS OBSERVERS.

ON JULY 31, THE OAS AGREED TO SEND 25-30 MILITARY OBSERVERS TO THE HONDURAN-SALVADORAN BORDER AREA FOR TWO WEEKS TO OVERSEE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THOSE COUNTRIES' TROOPS FROM THE DISPUTED AREA. 11 OAS MEMBER STATES ARE PARTICIPATING. THE UNITED STATES IS PROVIDING 3 ARMY MAJORS, 4 HELICOPTERS AND A STAFF PLANE. AFTER SOME DELAY THE MEN AND EQUIPMENT ARRIVED IN EL SALVADOR ON THURSDAY.

#### 4. MY AIFLD SPEECH.

ON TUESDAY, I SPOKE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT. BILL DOHERTY, THE AIFLD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE ACCELERATING BREAKDOWN OF THE FREE LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN AND THE GROWTH OF CASTRO'S INFLUENCE THERE. DOHERTY SEES THE PROBLEM IN TERMS OF A PLAY FOR ABSOLUTE POWER BY BURNHAM AND MANLEY -- AS AN EFFORT TO BREAK UP ANY AND ALL LOCI OF OPPOSITION. HE CRITICIZES THE DEPARTMENT FOR DOWNPLAYING THE THREAT.

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5. SHRIMP.

ALTHOUGH THE U.S. WILL BE PHASING OUT FOREIGN FISHING  
OPERATIONS OFF OUR OWN COAST, SIMILAR ACTION (PERHAPS  
EVEN MORE GENEROUS) BY THE MEXICANS HAS AROUSED

AFFECTED U.S. FISHING INTERESTS. TEN GULF COAST  
SENATORS HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO PHASE OUT SHRIMP  
IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH PHASE OUT U.S. SHRIMPING  
RIGHTS OFF THEIR COASTS (READ MEXICO). THE INTRODUCTION  
CAUSED A DELAY IN THE U.S.-MEXICAN FISHING TALKS IN NEW  
YORK.

5. THE ARA REORGANIZATION WILL BEGIN "IN EARNEST" NEXT  
WEEK.

6. RYAN RHETORIC -- HEW GOT A STANDING OVATION FROM THE  
WOMEN AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE HEMISPHERIC CONFERENCE  
FOR WOMEN AT MIAMI WHEN HE PARAPHRASED THE UNESCO CHARTER  
AS FOLLOWS:

..."SI LAS GUERRAS SE ENGENDRAN EN LA MENTE DEL HOMBRE, EN  
LA MENTE DE LA MUJER TIENE QUE CONSTRUIRSE LAS DEFENSAS DE  
LA PAZ ..."

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